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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The Language and Area School is offering a beginning course in Uzbek. This is believed to be the first Central Asian language course taught in a government language school. It is designed now to broaden the Agency's access to Central Asian intelligence sources and to prepare in advance for dealing with Uzbeks in their own tongue. At present, only two employees outside of LAS have indicated knowledge of Uzbek, and that limited. Instruction will be by staff employee [redacted] and contract employee [redacted].

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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Lieut. General Leon W. Johnson, U. S. Representative, NATO Standing Group, and Mrs. Johnson, and one of the members of the General's staff, have resumed their course in Intermediate French with [redacted] Class meets twice weekly, 0900 to 1030. Lt. Gen. Johnson has been nominated by the President for the rank of full general.

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2. Elementary Spoken Romanian #1 increased from two hours, three times a week to three hours, three times a week.

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3. [redacted] took over coordination and administration of the out-of-hours language training program on 7 August. He is now planning and preparing for the courses scheduled to begin on 4 September.

4. The Language Advisory Committee met and discussed plans for the upcoming out-of-hours program. [redacted] was present at the meeting and arrangements were made to turn the responsibility for the program over to him as coordinator. The committee will meet every week in the future until the out-of-hours program is well under way.

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5. [redacted] met with R/TR to agree on division of responsibilities for administrative details in connection with the out-of-hours program. [redacted] has been appointed LAS coordinator for the sending of classes to [redacted]. He has conferred with R/TR on details of the program.

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6. [redacted] returned from two weeks leave and a week and a half at Army Pictorial Center on Long Island, where he served as Technical Adviser on Strategic Intelligence School's proposed film "Free Europe." He is now reviewing the script writer's "treatment or prospectus of the film and expects to review shortly the first animation sketches. This will be the only film in the SIS area series to be divided in two parts, which will total at least 7 reels.

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7. On Sunday, before first group went to [REDACTED] spent the day at [REDACTED] unpacking equipment, setting up beds, arranging furniture and otherwise getting the place ready.

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8. At the request of Lt. Cmdr. John A. Fahey (Commanding Officer of the Navy Language School), [REDACTED] discussed language training programs and practices with him, Captain Richard H. Ballinger, USNR, and Lt. Cmdr. Eve R. Mouton, USNR. Cmdr. Fahey also indicated his desire to be included in the inter-agency committee of directors of language training.

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9. Due to large number of candidates nominated for full-time training at this time, an extra day was devoted to Qualifications Review and Placement Panels on 15 August. Training for which candidates were considered and approved (one conditionally) was: Chinese reading (NSA or CIA), Turkish comprehensive (FSI), advanced Chinese (FSI-Taichung), Italian comprehensive (FSI), French comprehensive (FSI), and Persian comprehensive (CIA). Next series of panels for sixteen (16) persons will be on 29 August. Files of all will be reviewed, and [REDACTED] will interview each before the panels meet.

10. [REDACTED] called to report on his year in the Netherlands.

11. [REDACTED] called to discuss in general terms a future Korean language program in the Agency.

12. [REDACTED] has had several conversations with [REDACTED] of FE about Chinese instructors. We were briefly stymied by Oriental-type politics of one FE nominee who eventually, through cooperation between FE and LAS, was allowed to fall between the chairs.

13. Two French groups will successively use [REDACTED] next week.

15. A special advanced spoken course has been set up to meet a short term requirement running through September for Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] SE.

16. [REDACTED] attended a consultants meeting for [REDACTED] of WE. [REDACTED] is now scheduled for a 20-week Italian language course in the spring of 1958. However, should office duties permit, efforts will be made to release [REDACTED] for full-time training to begin at that time.

17. [REDACTED] has discussed the new full-time Integrated Language/Area Study courses with OSI and ORR, as well as [REDACTED] he will do so with [REDACTED] next week. [REDACTED], like [REDACTED] voiced hearty support for this first intensive, intermediate-level, job-oriented language training. [REDACTED] invited [REDACTED] to explain this type of course at the next DDP TO meeting. She suggested that an occasional JOT would have sufficient background in the language and might be conveniently scheduled to take the appropriate Integrated Course. Thus far, there is only one sure candidate for the first full-time, integrated course, Germany, which is scheduled to begin 14 October.

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